

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 7, and 13 and add new claim 14 as set forth in the complete listing below. Please cancel claims 5 and 12 and withdraw claim 8. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An accent frame for framing an article inset within a cutout of a structure, said inset article including a ~~conventional trim~~ finishing ring or hub for providing a transition from said article to said structure; said accent frame comprising:

a rigid thin sheet of material larger in size than the finishing ring ~~or covering plate and~~, said rigid thin sheet having an outer edge defining an object-shape and a convex inner edge defining defined by an aperture having a lip for proper positioning with corresponding in size and shape to said cutout, wherein said cutout comprises slots and said finishing ring comprises expandable tension clips for insertion through said aperture and said slots thereby securing said frame being secured in place between said finishing ring and about the cutout and against the structure ~~by the trim ring;~~

whereby said accent frame serves as an aesthetically pleasing backdrop to said finishing ring ~~or hub~~ and serves to cover up any imperfections in the finish or cut of the surrounding structure ~~that may have resulted from.~~

2. (Previously Presented) The accent frame of claim 1, further comprising a decorative outer edge.

3. (Previously Presented) The accent frame of claim 1, wherein said accent frame is seated flush with said structure.

4. (Previously Presented) The accent frame of claim 1, wherein said frame flares slightly away from structure to provide an aesthetically pleasing depth or texture to the frame.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) The accent frame of claim 1, wherein said thin sheet of material is approximately 1 mm thick.

7. (Currently Amended) The accent frame of claim 1, wherein said article is a recessed lighting fixture ~~with a finishing ring attached to the recessed lighting fixture by expandable tension clips and slots and wherein said frame is secured in place between the structure and said attached finishing ring.~~

8. (Withdrawn)

9. (Previously Presented) The accent frame of claim 1, wherein said structure is a ceiling, wall or floor.

10. (Previously Presented) The accent frame of claim 1, wherein said frame is constructed of wood, metal or plastic materials.

11. (Previously Presented) The accent frame of claim 1, wherein said frame is formed by injection molding.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) The accent frame of claim 1, wherein said frame is both decorative and covers up any imperfections in the edges of the cutout ~~cut-out~~ not covered by the finishing ring ~~or covering plate~~.

14. (New) The accent frame of claim 1, wherein said object-shape is a star, flower, or house.